(c) what steps are being taken to increase the export of iron ore?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU): (a) The quantum and value of iron ore exported mainly to Japan, South Korea, Romania, GDR, Pakistan, North Korea, China and Dubai during 1986-87, 1987-88 & 1988-89 are given below:

Year	Qty. in Million tonnes	Value in Rs. crores
1986-87	32.525	597.47
1987-88	28.369	515.53
1988-89	33.318	670.61

(b) The corresponding figures of exports of iron ore during 1983-84, 1984-85 and 1985-86 were as under:

Year	Qty. in Million tonnes	Value in Rs. crore
1983-84	22.371	401.57
1984-85	25.368	471.84
1985-86	30.019	543.65

(c) Market diversification, consistency in quality of Kudremukh Iron Ore concentrates and pellets and improvement in infrastructural facilities at ports handling iron ore exports are some of the steps being taken to increase iron ore exports.

Closure of Textile Mills

351. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of textile mills that remained closed as on 30th November, 1989, State-wise;

(b) the number of workers rendered unemployed by the closure of these mills;

(c) the details of relief provided to the unemployed workers by Government; and

(d) by when these mills are likely to start working again?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) A statement is attached (*See* below).

(c) According to available information, a sum of Rs. 7.84 crores has been provided to 5388 workers of 7 closed textile mills under the provisions of the Textile Workers Rehabilitation Fund Scheme. The State Governments have also been advised to take measures for the rehabilitation/redeployment of affected workers.

(d) Restarting of a closed mill depends on its viability being established before the Modal Agency/BIFR. According to the existing Textile Policy, there may be no alternative but to allow non-viable sick mills to close down.

Statement

Cotton/man-made fibre textile mills as on 30-11-89

State	No. of closed Mills	No. of workers unemployed
1 2	3	4
1. Andhra Pradesh	5	2409
2. Assam	..	..
3 Bihar	1	621
4. Gujarat	35	55830
5. Haryana	2	5056

1	2	3	4
6.	J&K	..	..
7.	Karnataka	11	6773
8.	Kerala	2	1289
9.	M.P.	2	2636
10.	Maharashtra	17	36665
11.	Orissa	..	..
12.	Punjab	..	..
13.	Rajasthan	8	5534
14.	Tamil Nadu	29	15019
15.	U.P.	9	19251
16.	West Bengal	7	13754
17.	Goa	..	..
18.	Himachal Pradesh	..	..
19.	Manipur	..	..
	Union Territory		
1.	Chandigarh	..	
2.	Delhi	1	5802
3.	Pondicherry	..	..
	TOTAL:	129	170659

Establishment of Rural Banking Corporation

352. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to establish Rural Banking Corporation to help the rural masses;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

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THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Raising of Income-tax Limit

353. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) wheher there is any proposal under Government's consideration to raise income limit for tax purposes from the current financial year; and